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TAGS: OVIP (KISSINGER, HENRY A.), CSCE, PFOR, XG

SUBJECT: ACTION MEMORANDUM: REPLY TO SOVIETS ON CBM'S

FOR THE SECRETARY FROM ARMITAGE THRU HARTMAN AND  
SONNENFELDT

1. YOU DISCUSSED CBM'S PARAMETERS WITH GROMYKO IN VIENNA  
AND INDICATED THAT WE WOULD REPORT FUTHER DEVELOPMENTS  
TO THE SOVIETS BY TUESDAY, MAY 27. SHERER HAS NOW CAN-  
VASSED THE ALLIES (GENEVA 3837, BEING REPEATED TO YOU).

2. RECOMMENDATION: THAT YOU AUTHORIZE THE FOLLOWING  
MESSAGE TO SHERER INSTRUCTING HIM TO TELL KOVALEV THAT  
WHILE THE SOVIET PROPOSAL IS A STEP IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION,  
FURTHER SOVIET FLEXIBILITY WILL BE NEEDED, ESPECIALLY ON  
THE DEPTH OF SOVIET TERRITORY TO BE INCLUDED.

3. "ACTION GENEVA. YOU SHOULD CONTACT KOVALEV AND INDI-  
CATE THAT SECRETARY HAS ASKED YOU TO CONVEY FOLLOWING  
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POINTS GROWING OUT OF YOUR SOUNDINGS OF ALLIES FOLLOUING

CONVERSATION WITH GROMYKO IN VIENNA RE CBM'S PARAMETERS.

-- OUR DISCUSSIONS WITH ALLIES IN LAST FEW DAYS INDICATE THAT NEW SOVIET PROPOSAL ON PARAMETERS COULD BE EXPECTED TO ELICIT A GENERALLY FAVORABLE RESPONSE.

-- AT THE SAME TIME, HOWEVER, SOVIETS SHOULD UNDERSTAND THAT NONE OF THE ALLIES IS PREPARED TO ACCEPT SOVIET PROPOSAL -- 18 DAYS, 30,000 TROOPS, 150 KM -- AS A FINAL SOLUTION TO PARAMETERS PROBLEM. SOVIETS HAVE NOT YET MOVED FAR ENOUGH IN DIRECTION OF ALLIES.

-- AS TO PRIORITIES AMONG DIFFERENT PARAMETERS, VARIOUS OF THE ALLIES CONTINUE TO ATTACH PARTICULAR IMPORTANCE TO (A) AREA OF USSR TO BE COVERED AND (B) THRESHOLD FOR SIZE OF EXERCISES TO BE NOTIFIED. THEREFORE WE BELIEVE SOVIETS WILL HAVE TO SHOW SOME FURTHER FLEXIBILITY ON BOTH OF THESE PARAMETERS TO MAKE PROGRESS. IN OUR VIEW, HOWEVER, THE AREA OF THE USSR TO BE COVERED REMAINS THE BASIC PROBLEM, AND THE SOVIETS SHOULD FOCUS THEIR MAJOR ATTENTION ON THIS. NONE OF THE ALLIES BELIEVES 150 KM COVERAGE OF USSR WOULD BE AN ACCEPTABLE OUTCOME.

-- IN OUR VIEW NEXT STEP SHOULD BE FOR SOVIETS TO TABLE MORE AMPLE PARAMETERS WHICH WILL TAKE INTO ACCOUNT RESULTS OF OUR CANVASS.

-- WE WOULD BE PREPARED TO WORK ACTIVELY WITH ALLIES TO DEVELOP A FORTHCOMING RESPONSE TO A SOVIET PROPOSAL WHICH IN ITSELF GIVES EVIDENCE OF FLEXIBILITY AND REALISM."

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